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A New Home For The Holidays For Fifteen Lucky Families

Some very happy people gathered at Ocean and Van Nostrand Avenues in Jersey City at mid-day on December 9th. Tamika Pack was so excited about the big event that she couldn't sleep the night before!

The 15 families who had been selected to move into the first 15 rental units of New Community Bayview Courts gathered with great enthusiasm for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. These homes are the beginning of what will eventually grow to 100 units of affordable housing spread all around Jersey City. Site manager V/.C. Chapman, who also manages NC Douglas Homes in Newark, was recognized by every family group, who asked the same questions: "When can we move in?"

The Rocks, Haynes, Goodwins, Widemans, Danises and Turners were all present for the celebration along with many of their relatives and friends who came to share in their good fortune.

Marshall Cornwell, daughter Syreeta 11 and baby Isaiah, 6 months, think of their new home as a Christmas present right out of a fairy tale. Ms. Cornwell, who put in her application while Courts was being built was ecstatic because affordable housing is in such short supply.

Diane Pettiford's application had been on file since 1989. She'd taken time off from her job to be present for the big event. Ms. Pettiford, 16 year old son Roshown and 11 year old daughter Melanie, do not have far to move. Their old house is right around the corner.

Hilda Simmons recalled her astonishment at being selected to occupy one of these brand new units. She and her children are living with her parents, and are all looking forward to spending the holidays on their own for the first time.

Decorated Christmas trees and poinsettia plants cast holiday brightness on the day, which threatened rain. After the festivities, each tree would be delivered to one of the apartments — house warming gifts of the nicest kind.

This was good news for some of the children who had been afraid that parents would spend all their money on the move, and there wouldn't be anything left over for toys. "Don't even bother with a tree and lights, mom."

Apparently her good luck overwhelmed Caroline Wheeler, who was at a loss for words to describe her happiness. A beautiful affordable unit is a great blessing for this single mother, daughters LaToya and Donielle, and granddaughter Sharlette.

The new neighbors are almost as excited about their immediate surroundings as they are about their beautiful apartments. There is a grassy play area outside within view and earshot of parents. Even though the development has its own crossing guard, Mary Washington, to watch over them, its officially opened these units.

children will be able to play away from street traffic.

Ms. Washington's 9 year old son David was very proud to be selected to participate in the ribbon cutting which

Officially opening Bayview Courts in Jersey City are Colgate-Palmolive's Jack Houston, new resident David Washington, Council President Marilyn Roman and New Community President Art Wilson.

Afterwards, a delicious lunch was served in two of the units. Later, while little children wondered whether or not Santa would be able to find them in their new homes, everyone else wondered when they would be able to move in. Not even a week later, that process was well under way and 15 lucky families will be home for the holidays.

May God bless them — every one.

Federal Home Loan Bank Of New York Affordable Housing Program Funds Two New Community Projects
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Generous Hearts Respond To NCC's Christmas Needs

They gave to the very old and the very young; to individuals and to families; to the bed-ridden and the shut-ins. They gave well over 6,000 individual gifts to New Community for Christmas, 1991, and we are very grateful.

"They" are the unselfish persons who responded to various appeals of New Community staff and employees for gifts at the holiday season. The donors included parish youth groups, college students and faculties, office and blue collar workers, service employees, grammar school children, convents of sisters, Catholic and Protestant parish societies, high school students, and individuals. They live and work in urban and suburban locales in Northern New Jersey, New York, and even Massachusetts. In this economic recession more than 6,000 of them answered appeals made by NCC personnel to share something with a less fortunate person in the Central Ward of Newark. The response was heart-warming.

Christmas 1991 was indeed a joyous one for Harmony House's Washington family (shown here with Santa Claus). They were among many recipients to benefit from the generosity of the Boys & Girls Club and others.

Some donors were given the names of individuals and a wish list of their needs. Others sent toys or gifts suitable for general distribution. Teenagers often chose presents to be given to other teens. A myriad of items descended on New Community; food, clothing, games and toys, sheets, books, candy, and in some instances, gifts of money to purchase gifts. One

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Mrs. Sparrow Marks 100 Years

Most of the New Community family knows Henrietta Sparrow, a resident of the Extended Care Facility. Mrs. Sparrow oftens sits at the front desk in the lobby, surveying the employees and visitors at Extended Care. She instructs Mary Devlin, Administrator, on the "how-to" of running the 180 bed facility.

Born in South Carolina 100 years ago on December 5, 1891, Mrs. Sparrow moved to Newark and raised her son and a daughter there. Mrs. Sparrow's son died some years ago; today, she is visited often by her 77 year old daughter, Bea.

Mrs. Sparrow came to the Extended Care Facility after being a client in the Medical Day Care Center. Mrs. Sparrow, a very alert 100 year old is apt to give you her opinion on world affairs. Asked how she managed to live to be 100, Mrs. Sparrow says she led "a good life and minded her own business."

Good advice for us all.

Mary Devlin, Administrator and Henrietta Sparrow.

Generous Hearts...

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church gave 50 food gift certificates for families.

The marvelous thing to behold was the loving care with which each present was wrapped, names carefully written to assure safe delivery. This was not just a "project" — this was truly a loving giving of self to another.

Gifts arrived for the children at Harmony House, who are temporarily homeless, but whose mothers are studying and working hard to find jobs and return to a home of their own...one which is affordable to their limited means.

Families in housing throughout New Community also found gifts waiting at the parties held by our social services group which coordinates some of the "information channels" at Christmas.

For the elderly residents of our Extended Care Facility and its Medical Day Care component, there was perfume and skin care lotions, soaps, socks, and other goodies on trays and at gatherings celebrating the season.

Our Protective Services children at their Babyland Center found that Santa had visited them too and left a bit of joy in their world.

Bless our friends who remembered our little ones with AIDS. Their short lives, which are never easy, were brightened by the arrival of brightly colored gifts at their Babyland day care center, where such tender care is given by staff and marvelous volunteers.

Perhaps the shelter for battered women and their children is not the place any of us would choose for Christmas, but it gives solace and shelter to those in need no matter what hour or what day it is. A brightly lighted tree drew children and mothers to its warmth. Packages from friends were waiting there too.

Thanks be to all who thought of us...the needs here in Newark are so great!

We would like to acknowledge these kind persons, and have chosen to do so individually and privately. However, we want the world to know that there are many, many selfless people out there who can and do respond to the needs of total strangers in a tangible and generous way. We thank them for their spirit of giving. They have warmed the hearts not only of the gift recipients but of all of us at NCC.

We applaud their goodness and generosity.

Sister Barbara Boyle

Good News: The Chariot's Coming!

In this case the chariot is not the gleaming, flaming vehicle conjured up by our imaginations while thinking of the prophet Elijah and Co.; the good news chariot of this Christmas season is the big brown U.P.S. truck lumbering down the street.

Every one I see makes me happy, because for the second year the employees of U.P.S. have donated Christmas gifts to the children of New Community Families Housing.

Last year they asked for the names of 100 children. Again this year they called for 100 names, then 100 more, then 85 more! Our wonderful benefactors each pick one or more names and buy individualized gift(s) for the children.

This year almost every NC child under the age of 12 benefited from their generosity.

So, every time you see one of those U.P.S. clunky brown chariots, even if it's double-parked, send blessings to the people of the organization it symbolizes, because they are such a blessing to the children of New Community.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

The merry elves from UPS deliver their wonderful gifts to Sister Anastasia, standing right.

THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

Over 1,000 Meals Served On Christmas

At the seven Senior Buildings throughout New Community **on Christmas Day**, over 1,000 meals were served to elderly residents, many of whom would have had to eat alone.

Thanks to the efforts of Felix Lopresti of the World of Foods, Joe Rodriguez, and the generous, warm-hearted cooks at The Priory Restaurant, they did not. Sixty-four turkeys were baked with all the trimmings and delivered by New Community security to the various sites. At Douglass-Harrison where they do not have a community room, the meals were hand-delivered to each senior who needed one.

Our management and social services departments coordinated the effort.

Each community room was beautifully decorated in red and green and tapes of Christmas music were playing softly in the background, thanks to Gayle Chaneyfield who made the tapes available.

According to Sister Anastasia, it was a team effort of the whole New Community Network. Each tray had a small pound cake wrapped in cellophane and mouth-watering sweet potato pie for dessert baked by Babyland chefs. The meals were warmed and served by teams of volunteer workers.

Babyland kitchen chefs sent 100 hot meals out in a Community van, with instructions to search the byways for someone who looked in need of a tasty, nourishing, hot meal.

The good elves of New Community Network were really working hard to bring joy to those in need this holiday season!

Thank you one and all.

Englewood Tenants Association Visits NCC

On January 1, 1991, New Community became the management agent for a development of 40 housing units in Englewood — 32 on William Street and 8 on Jay Street.

To introduce the Tenants Association in these units to New Community Corporation, they were invited to a meeting with the NCC Board of Trustees on Wednesday, December 11th, at St. Joseph Plaza.

The day started with a tour by Donnell Brown, Director of Operations, around New Community facilities, including our newest, Pathmark Shopping Center. The tenants were impressed with how large New Community is.

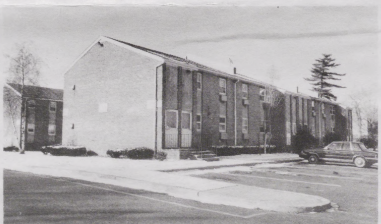
After the tour they were taken to St. Joseph Plaza, where they received an official welcome to New Community from NCC founder Monsignor William J. Linder, followed by NCC Board vice-president, Joe Chaneyfield and Jewel Pitts Earl Director of Management. The group was then treated to dinner at the Priory Restaurant.

At a meeting after dinner, they spelled out their concerns and ideas to improve the Englewood property.

In an effort to foster good tenant relations, Donnell Brown welcomes Englewood residents to New Community.

In order to accomplish new improvements in the Englewood Community, Mrs. Eisen, president of the Tenants Association said, "It's very important for the property, that we have good relations between the tenants and management."

In that regard they were so satisfied with everything that Mrs. Rafaela Rodriguez, an Englewood II resident said afterwards, "It has been the best meeting Englewood tenants ever had."



The well-kept property in Englewood, New Jersey.

NCC Low-Income Rental Units Receive Funding

Under a program run by the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) New York, New Community will receive $250,000 in subsidies for planned low-income housing. The program funds will also go to two other Newark projects among nine state-wide.

The affordable housing funds are from a private sector program, using monies which normally would be dividends paid to stockholders, including savings and loans, savings banks and a credit union.

The consortium of FHLBNY stockholder institutions will provide long-term financing for New Community Estates, a $6.9 million, 56-unit development of two-story townhouses. All units are rental housing.

Through the FHLBNY Affordable Housing program, Investors Savings and Loan will use a $250,000 gap grant to buy down the principal amount on the permanent mortgage. The balance of the mortgage financing will be shared as a participation among three FHLBNY stockholder institutions, which are Investors Savings and Loan, Gibralter Savings Bank, SLA, and First De Witt Savings and Loan.

With the announcement in December, the FHLB has made a total of $8.74 million available in 1991, towards the financing of 2,060 units of affordable housing in the district covered by the bank.

The NCC Estates funding is in addition to a grant for $74,270 awarded for NCC Bayview Courts in Jersey City, a $2.3 million, 18-unit project for very low-income residents in two-story townhouses. A total of 33 units will be developed.

Midlantic Bank and Pamrapo Savings Bank also contributed to the funding for the Bayview Courts project.

Bayview Courts Ribbon Cutting

(Clockwise from top)
The newly completed Bayview Courts in Jersey City; Jersey City Councilwoman Willie Flood; new residents, the Turner family and Colgate-Palmolive's Jack Houston; Monsignor William Linder (New Community), Dena Spillman and Jack Houston (Colgate-Palmolive), Charles Jones (Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y.), Pat Walsh (Pamrapo Savings Bank), and Don Wolff (Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y.), celebrate their cooperative effort.

Cooperation & Commitment Build Bayview Courts

It seems that every day the problem of homelessness in our country becomes more serious. Lack of affordable housing drives more and more families to the brink of desperation -- sometimes beyond.

One small step toward a solution to these social problems was celebrated in Jersey City on December 9. Like a baby's first step, this one had been long in coming and preceded by many false starts.

The speakers at the grand opening of New Community Bayview Courts celebrated the unique, public-private partnership forged by New Community Corporation, Jersey City Officials, Colgate-Palmolive, the N.J. Dept. of Community Affairs, Midlantic Bank, Pamrapo Savings Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y.

In these times it is extremely difficult to generate low rent housing. This project could not have been accomplished without tremendous cooperation and a strong commitment from our lenders, Midlantic, Pamrapo and Federal Home Loan Bank, and the sale of tax credits.

Even as he prayed that God would bless the occupants of these new homes, Msgr. William Linder reminded the Lord that the people who had put so much into this development would need lots more energy because there is much more to be done.

Fifteen units occupy the Ocean and Van Nostrand Avenues site. Eighteen more are projected to occupany an empty lot down the street. The units are designed for eventual conversion to ownership and a long term purchase option may be offered to the tenants.

The number will soon grow to 86, eventually to 100 units scattered throughout Jersey City.

Marvelous as this is, it does not make a dent in the housing problem, and is "not the way to do it," given the need, according to Msgr. Linder, who expressed hope that the day of celebration would become a housing rally of sorts, drawing attention to the need for more.

Cecilia Faulks, NCC Director of Personnel, felt good just being there, because "we haven't had a housing opening for a long time, not since NCC Sussex (a beautiful rehabilitated apartment in Newark)."

Every New Community representative, from Msgr. Linder to Director of Development, Ray Codey, to Cecilia Faulks expressed similar sentiments: we are proud of our accomplishments; there is more to be done; so there can be no stopping us now.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

Job Fair Scheduled

The staff at New Community Employment Center along with Training Inc., will sponsor their first Job Fair

On: Tuesday - January 14, 1992
10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
&
Thursday - January 23, 1992
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At: Training Inc.
494 Broad Street (6th Floor)
Newark, New Jersey

If you would like to participate and are looking for a special person to fill a vacancy in your organization please call (201) 733-4930 or 643-3828.

Harmony House And The Community: Working As One

This Thanksgiving, the relocation staff of Harmony House was busy delivering baskets to several families that have been relocated into permanent housing and are receiving supportive social services.

Several weeks prior to the Holiday, the relocation staff spent a great deal of effort coordinating this very rewarding task.

Donations, which consisted of turkeys and trimmings, were received from various community organizations.

It was the efforts of the staff and the generosity of the various groups that helped turn this holiday from one of wanting to one of gratitude.

On behalf of our Harmony House staff and all ex-Harmony House families who received Thanksgiving baskets, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to:

The Fraternity Brothers of Nu Delta Pi, Incorporated; The Fraternity Brothers of Sigma Beta Tau, Incorporated; The Sisters of Omega Sigma Phi, Incorporated; The Sisters of Rho Sigma Chi, Incorporated; and The Athletic Training Club at Kean College, who assisted us in providing baskets to our families residing in Union County.

We would also like to thank Zeta Phi Beta Soririty, Incorporated, Psi Lambda Chapter; the Walker Family, in memory of Jonathan Walker; Mount Olivet Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ; Saint Ann's Church, Newark, NJ; The Department of Citizens Services, City of Newark; The United Community Corporation, Newark, NJ; and The East Orange Community Development Corporation, who assisted us in providing Thanksgiving baskets to our families living in Newark.

Once again, thank you for your donations.

Augustine Douglas
Relocation Coordinator

Twenty Honored For Service

The Home Friends Annual Christmas Breakfast held on Monday, December 23rd, had an air of excitement that was not all attributable to the holiday. This year some employees were receiving recognition for their years of service.

The group of 20 employees from the Home Friends and Home Health were part of two programs which were absorbed completely by New Community in March 1987 when their former employer went out of business. These employees have been credited for their years in the program prior to joining New Community in 1987. The two programs are part of the Human Services Department and they provide home care services for residents throughout the City of Newark.

Xenobia DeVore receives plaque.

Those honored received plaques for service.

Sr. Anne Quirk happily receives her award from Cecilia Faulks.

Home Friends And Home Health Awards

Seven Years

Julia Alston	Ollie Barnes	Elsie Best
Marylee Burrell	Marilyn Briley	Geraldine Patty
Zenobia DeVore	Gwendolyn Walston	Grace Hurt
Candies Kearney	Sallie Mathis	Irene Williams
Thecla Muhammad	Mable Hines	Roberta Baker

Five Years

Mary Singletary	Alice Louise Tillman	Delia Crespo
Deborah Garner	Juana Stangroom	

Also receiving recognition awards for their five years of service were four employees from other departments. They are:
Sr. Anne Quirk, Purchasing
Sr. Kathleen Coll, Social Services
Clotilda Harris, Extended Care
Sharon Reese, Extended Care

Health Fair An Eye Opener

At a recent health fair co-sponsored by New Community Corporation and United Hospital Medical Center, many residents became aware of services provided by the NCC Health Care Program.

The health fair ran for two days in the NCC Shopping Center on Bergen Street, the location of our new Pathmark supermarket. Education and awareness of services were the goals of the event, said Sr. Ann Tumulty, Director of Home Health Care at New Community.

Screening for blood pressure and sickle-cell anemia, eye testing and respiratory screenings were offered as well as diabetic screening and nutritional information on such chronic illnesses. Information concerning NCC Social Services, Home Health Care, Home Friends and Adult Day Care was provided.

The child and illness, nutrition and hospitalization, with a family focus for HIV and sickle-cell anemia was covered at another station.

The health fair was held during National Home Care Week creating an opportunity to focus on home care and caregiver issues.

NCC Home Care already serves 264 Medicaid patients in Newark, Irvington and East Orange, with a staff of 64 home health aides, many of whom have left the welfare rolls as a result of their new employment.

The program allows elderly and chronically ill patients to remain in their homes as a result of the home care services. For those who cannot manage for themselves, the help with daily chores keeps them from institutionalization.

The free screening was offered because many of the low and middle income residents in the New Community area do not have access to such opportunities. United Hospital Medical Center works closely with NCC to reach out to these residents with their health care services. Eleven booths manned by NCC staff, United Hospitals staff and the Newark Police and Fire Departments provided screening opportunities and information throughout the two-day fair.

Many residents noticed the fair as they came to do their shopping and stopped to pick up information or be screened. The response of the community was most gratifying. Approximately 250 people availed themselves of the services offered during the fair.

The recent Home Health fair proved to be very informative to area residents.

Even Congressman Donald Payne stopped by for a routine blood pressure check as Sr. Ann Tumulty looked on.

New Community Home Health Care Reaccredited

Sister Ann Tumulty, Director of New Community Home Health Care, received word on December 18th, 1991, that its accreditation had been renewed for the next twelve months. "Through adherence to Commission on Accreditation for Home Care Inc. standards over the past year, you and your staff have helped New Community Corporation maintain its high quality of services" the letter from the CAHC congratulated.

Accreditation involves an extensive evaluation and review process to insure that home care agencies in New Jersey are maintaining strict, defined standards. Once accredited, agencies must undergo ongoing monitoring to insure compliance to the standards. Reaccreditation is awarded yearly to those agencies maintaining strict standards of quality home care.

To date, 37 agencies in New Jersey have been granted accreditation.

The Commission on Accreditation for Home Care was established in 1985 as a major initiative to promote and enforce quality assurance standards for home care in New Jersey.

According to Lita Talbot, Chairperson of the Commission, "We believe it is our responsibility on behalf of the public not only to provide a rigorous accreditation process for agencies, but also to increase public awareness on the importance of using only accredited agencies."

"New Community Corporation is maintaining its high quality of service," added Deborah Reese, Accreditation Coordinator for the Commission. "The citizens of Essex County are fortunate to have access to an agency that provides such quality care."

NC Gardens Seniors Tenant Of Month

Vester Lee Thomas lives at NCC Gardens Seniors building. She has been there since 1980 and for the past 11 years has generously given of herself to help others. She helps out in any way that she can.

You can usually find her down on the first floor. Those who come into the building are welcomed with a friendly greeting and a warm smile. She spends time in the Community Room or in the first floor corridor with her neighbors. To sit around talking and listening to others is a "forgotten art" in this busy world of ours. Vester Lee has not forgotten and takes time with others.

Vester Lee Thomas

Vester Lee is always ready to lend a helping hand too. She helps out her floor captain. She helps out the 265 Club when they are preparing for any building activity. She is always there to help set up, serve and clean up. If there is food being sold whether it's hot dogs at the Flea Market, donuts or candy, Vester Lee is always actively involved. She works hard and we want her to know that her willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

Vester Lee is truly a "woman of service" to others.

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Wednesday, January 8, 1992 (1-5 p.m.) — Healthy Start Kick Off! Stop by and sample some nutritional products. A surprise visitor will make a guest appearance!

Wednesday, January 15, 1992 — *5 Food Group Store Tour
10:00 a.m. Babyland Students
1:00 p.m. All Welcome

*Nutritional information will be available.

Wednesday, January 22, 1992 10:00 a.m. — Seminar:
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Jan. 1 thru Jan. 31. 1992

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Healthy Start FOOD TO GROW ON

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Jan. 1 thru Jan. 31. 1992

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A Look Back At 1991

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In New Community

Sharing Is The Key For This Club

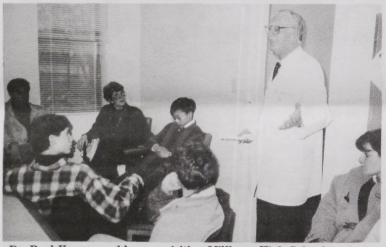
The students from Millburn High School Key Club visited Babyland IV on December 3rd. The students and the School Nurse, Alice Rapp, were accompanied by Dr. Paul Kearny, a long time friend. Dr. Kearny took advantage of an attentive group of young people to address the very serious issue of HIV/AIDS. Myriam Hernandez, the Center Nurse, also highlighted some important facts about Pediatric AIDS. The students were extremely attentive and eager to learn as much as they could about HIV/AIDS in the short time they were at the center.

The students in the Key Club presented Mary Lou Madden, the Program Director, with a donationto be used for the children at Babyland IV. A special thanks to Key Club president, Emily Shack, the organizer of this community service project, Brian Dratch and all the membersof the Club who participated in raising the money for the children.

During this special season of giving it is wonderful to experience the generosity of young people. The donation will be used to provide for the ongoing needs of the children at the day care center.

On behalf of the children, "Thank you for sharing."

Mary Lou Madden
PCC Program Coordinator



Dr. Paul Kearney addresses visiting Millburn High School students at Babyland IV.

Harmony House Employee Of The Month

New Community Harmony House Corporation has chosen Ms. Carolyn Collier, relocation specialist, as *employee of the month for November* 1991.

Ms. Collier, a graduate of Bloomfield College, comes to New Community Corporation with experience in the fields of medical social work, mental health and homelessness. This combination of previous work experience is allowing her to provide the clients she serves with sound, supportive social services.

Carolyn Collier

At Harmony House, Ms. Collier is an active staff member. She chairs the Sunshine Club, which organizes various activities designed to brighten up the ordinary workday. In addition, she chairs the Christmas Party Committee. As such, Ms. Collier has continuously sought to organize the most exciting and rewarding activities for her fellow staff members.

Carolyn's organizational skills were further displayed during the preliminary stages of the Housing Forum organized by Harmony House and the United Way of Essex and West Hudson. She was instrumental in publicizing the event, ensuring proper media coverage before, during and after this very important mini-conference.

Ms. Collier was selected due to her willingness to extend herself beyond normal limits. She has an uncanny dedication to her job and continuously strives for excellence.

Congratulations, Carolyn. Keep up the good work!

Augustine Douglas

Harmony House To Mark 2nd Anniversary

The first homeless families entered New Community Harmony House on December 20, 1989, five (5) days before Christmas. As of December 20, 1991, over 300 families have been served.

Harmony House's paramount goal is to help families with children move from homelessness to permanent housing and from dependency to self-sufficiency. With a capacity to serve 102 families in individual apartment units, Harmony House provides help far beyond just providing families with shelter. It offers a safe and healthy environment as well as the stability and opportunities for families to learn and grow.

To mark Harmony House's second anniversary, a program has been scheduled for January 10, 1992. The anniversary program will primarily consist of recognition of present and past residents achievements (children and adults), and recognition of volunteers. The occasion will also include entertainment and refreshments.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Administrator

Reflections:

Things Can Change For The Better

Dr. Paul Kearney

This job as Medical Director of the Nursing Home has many facets of interest which makes the day worthwhile. Often a resident will reflect on the good care that is being given. I can see the contentment when I get the big smile as I make daily rounds.

That things can change for the better...I am reminded of this delightful lady in her eighties — always smiling, always uncomplaining — who was admitted to this facility five years ago with severe arthritis of such a nature that her joints were frozen, so that even slight motion caused pain. A miraculous new therapist arrived on the scene however. With daily exercise and massage I saw changes I never thought possible. It was almost miraculous! But more importantly, she did it *herself* with guidance from the Physiotherapist.

The lesson, basically, is that you cannot give in to the aging process, or it will turn you into a state of immobility; but if you try — exercise, walking — you will, in a sense be medically oiling your joints.

Many years ago when I was a young intern at the Old City Hospital (1943), I could not help but reflect on a statement made to me by a spry octogenerian gynecologist as we were making rounds one day...he said: "Kearney, don't grow old." How much truth there is in that sentence. Give aging your best shot and you will live longer and happier.

Paul Kearney, M.D.
Medical Director
NCC Extended Care Facility

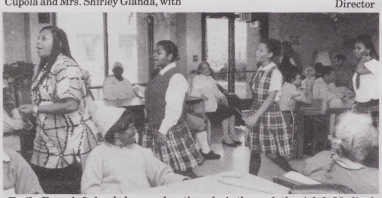
Adult Day Care Enjoys Musical Entertainment

NCC Adult Day Care Center began their celebration of Christmas with entertainment from a variety of schools and the Joe Ford Quintet.

On December 4, the Martin Luther King School Choral Group sang many inspiring Christmas carols for our enjoyment. On December 10th St. Rose of Lima School, under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross, entertained us with a Christmas skit along with many beautiful Christmas carols. Our celebration continued on December 12th with the Camden Middle School under the direction of Mr. Ralph Cupola and Mrs. Shirley Glanda, with Mr. Curtis Walker at the piano. We enjoyed the choral group selections such as "Silent Night," "Jesus the King," "Be Grateful," and "Only Just Believe," to name a few. On December 13th the Joe Ford Quintet from the Newark Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs provided us with relaxing music. December 20th, Harriet Tubman School provided the finishing touch for the Christmas Holiday.

We thank every one for giving of their time to make our holidays enjoyable.

Mary Black
Director



Emily Ross, left, leads her enchanting choir through the Adult Medical Day Care Program to the delight of all the participants.

Workshop On Patient's Rights

With the growing concerns across the country around patient's rights to determine the quality and extent of their health care, there has been a significant breakthrough. There is a new federal Patient Self Determination Act and the New Jersey Advance Directives Legislation.

Please come and join us in learning about this legislation and how it can help us and our families. Mrs. Patricia Murphy, R.N., PhD., Clinical Specialist (Bereavement) and a member of the New Jersey Commission on Legal and Ethical Problems in the Delivery of Health Care will be a workshop facilitator on Wednesday, January 15, 1992 at the New Community Extended Care Facility, 266 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For any additional information, please feel free to call (201) 624-2020, Ext. 214, Penny Mateen, Director of Social Services.

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Director Of Security Attends International Conference On Urban Safety

On November 18, 19 and 20, 1991, Director James DuBose had the opportunity to attend the Second International Conference in Paris, France, on Urban Safety, Crime and Drug Prevention. As a delegate member of the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation and representing the New Community Corporation, he, along with 49 other delegates from throughout the United States, led by Ms. Lyn Curtis, Director of the Foundation, met with other delegates from 60 nations worldwide.

The conference, held at the C.N.I.T. (World Trade Center) in Paris, was an international exchange of useful experiences and innovative ideas as to how national and local authorities can better work together to combat the growth of crime and maintain the quality of life in our cities.

Introduced at the conference were security and crime prevention policies that have been put into practice in different countries over recent years, that deal with young people at risk. There were also opportunities throughout the conference for sharing experiences and different approaches to crime prevention. The four themes of the conference were: Theme I. Preventing and Treating Drug Abuse; Theme II. Responding to the Needs of Young People at Risk; Theme III. Developing Local Responses to Recidivism; and Theme IV. Mobilizing the Community to Prevent Crime.

The major contributors at the conference and workshops were the United States, the United Kingdom and France.

There was international unanimity in the following: Governments are going to have to spend more money than they have been spending on children and at risk youth, since they represent the world's future. The answer proposed to the prevention of urban drugs and crime was early childhood education offered in preschool programs. In France, where 98% of the children age three to five years attend free pre-school, it is estimated that the taxpayer saves five dollars for every one dollar invested in pre-school. To accomplish this in the United States, it is estimated that it will take at least 10 billion dollars for the next ten years. One solution offered for raising money was to reduce defense spending, not raise taxes. The United States is number one in addictive research and number one in drug production.

Local governments cannot solve the crime problem alone, but by a combination of strong family ties, social services and programs that lead to jobs. Through job training, education and strong community support, with the police working hand in hand, progress can be made. Emphasis should be placed on prevention rather than the present system of incarceration which has been proven ineffective. It was brought out that third world nations which are extremely poor, such as India and Africa, experience very little youth crime because of strong family ties.

Every nation is suffering from the evils of the drug epidemic, therefore it was felt a multinational system of combating the war on drugs should be established. The exchange of information and ideas with one another would help the world to be a safer place, especially since the world is getting smaller.

Mrs. Francois Mitterand, wife of the French Premier, addressed the delegates during the last session of the conference. There were a number of receptions held in honor of the conference delegates. One was hosted by the Mayor of Paris in the Town Hall, the other was held at the La Arache de La Defense by the Paris Police Department.

On November 21, a group of American delegates had breakfast with Governor Robert Martinez of Florida, Advisor to President Bush on Drugs and Director of the National Drug Control Policy. The Governor spoke on U.S. policies on drugs.

Security Holds Final In-Service Training

In keeping with its quarterly in-service training program for all security officers, the New Community Security Department held the final training sessions for the year on December 10th and 11th.

The training agenda consisted of: Rules and Regulations; Patrol Techniques; Report Writing; Self Defense; Domestic Violence; Court Room Testimony and Behavior; Community Relations; Delivery of a Baby; and Policy and Procedures for Bomb Scares.

Instructors were: Security Director James E. DuBose; Sergeant/Executive Officer Andrew Perry and Secretary/Administrative Assistant Gwendolyn Grier.

Guest Lecturers were Jewel Earl, Director of Management, who lectured on standard policy and procedures and conduct of building security personnel. Also, Annendale Prison Correction Officer, Clinton White, a former NCC Security Officer, who gave a major address on the importance of training. He stated that the training he received as a security officer and the experience, helped him immeasurably not only in passing the examination but enhancing career opportunities for him.

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Hispanic Development Office Set Up

New Community Corporation has created a new Hispanic Development Office with set goals of developing leadership among the Hispanic peoples of Newark.

We are happy to inform the greater NCC community that as a result of meetings at Manor Senior, Manor Family, the Pavilion, Roseville and St. Rose of Lima Church and School, the Hispanic community has been successfully advocating for local needs. The office is also seeking to make people conscious of the importance of registering for the next elections.

Groups meet on the average of twice a month to discuss plans, issues and to see how they can help make their living environment better. As a result of these meetings the Hispanic community has united and become more aware of their role as members of NCC. The meetings at the Pavilion are every 2nd and 4th Monday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St. Rose's are scheduled after the Spanish Masses on Sunday, Roseville's are scheduled on Thursday evenings at the convenience of the tenants. At 72 Hayes St. meetings also are scheduled at the request of the tenants. Most meetings are given in Spanish, unless the English tenants are invited to share in common concerns.

The Hispanic people have also planned dances to generate funds for New Community Corporation. Their next dance will be on January 11th, at St. Rose of Lima Auditorium. Admission will be $8.00 for tickets purchased before January 3rd; $10.00 thereafter. The T.N.T. Band, a band well known and in high demand, will play. We invite you all to come and enjoy an evening of fun and dancing.

Sr. Guadalupe M. Nieto
M.S.B.T. Director

Sr. Guadalupe Nieto addresses the concerns of the Hispanic Community at a recent meeting.

NC Douglas Highlights Hispanic Heritage

The monthly Gospel Program at NC Douglas paid special tribute to our Hispanic Heritage during its December Program.

Rev. Aurelio Barretto, pastor of Movimento Pentecostal Faro De Luz on Broadway in Newark offered the prayers, and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Barretto was the preacher.

The ministers brought a group of children from their church, and their songs in Spanish and English delighted one and all. The NC Douglas Gospel Singing and Sharing Club arranged for 50 children from the church to receive gifts from the Salvation Army.

Alice Jones and her Family Singers from Zion Holy Church, familiar faces at the Gospel Program, were there to play and sing for Christmas.

Everyone present received a gift. A free will offering was taken, and the proceeds were donated to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Scholarship Fund.

Our Spanish speaking tenants at Douglas, Juan and Tomasina Garcia and Buenaventura Acosta, were in their glory.

Lynn Ferrero of the Montclair Chapter of the Wings of Eagles provided refreshments: three delicious sheet cakes and steaming coffee.

Mrs. Ruby Marshall, coordinator of the group is already planning for their February meeting — a Love Day for the 20th. Ms. Marshall keeps a tight reign on the program, to assure that everything that happens is good. "You've heard of the Oprah Winfrey Show," she jokes, "well, this is the Ruby Marshall show!"

Well, Ruby, you may laugh, but in our book you are a star just like Oprah!

The voices of the children lifted everyone's spirit during the Gospel Program at NC Douglas Homes.

At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

Tree Trimming Fun For Gardens Seniors

Northern NJ Eye Institute hosted a Christmas Party to be remembered. Garden Seniors were the recipients of a Christmas Tree, ornaments, sweet buns, coffee and a whole group of new friends.

What makes Gardens so lucky? Well, The Eye Institute has a Cataract Support group that meets and does nice things together. This year the group chose to take NCC Gardens a tree.

The ornaments were hand made by the group and placed on the tree. Gardens residents, both young and old, pitched in and in no time at all a beautiful tree was presented for picture taking. The cataract support group also presented Gardens residents with a plaque as a remembrance of the day together.

Our special thanks to Dr. Anne Boyle, director of the group, and Marsha Taylor, Director of Community Relations. Thanks for coming to our home. A great time was had by all.

Sister Anastasia

Eye Institute tree trimmers at work at NC Gardens Senior.

Correction

In last month's issue, Sgt. John Jackson was incorrectly identified as Keith Tonsul in photo on page 3.

Turkey For All

On November 26, 1991 the children of NCC Youth Services celebrated a pre-Thanksgiving service held at the Bruce Street site.

The service began with an open prayer blessing delivered by Mr. Sirman. It was expressed to the participants, that though many of us see Thanksgiving Day as a time for family and friends to get together and share in festive eating, we must not lose sight in tribute to one day, for the gift of each day.

The menu of the day consisted of roast turkey, stuffing, rice, potato salad, green vegetables, corn bread and sweet potato pie.

The sight of all the delicious food brought about a still moment of quiet, as some forty youth sat patiently at their tables with excited faces and hungry stomachs. Coordinated efforts were the key role of parents and staff as they prepared plates with food and served the brood of youth.

Special tribute goes to Bertha Brown, Mae Harper and Marleen Martin, former Vista Volunteers who not only volunteered their time, but also prepared (cooked) all the food served.

Thank you for all your continued service and interest toward the betterment of Youth Services.

William Sirman
Administrator Youth Services

WNJR Radio Station Tour

On December 27th, the NCC Afterschool Program visited WNJR Radio Station. The tour gave the children an idea of how news is brought to us, and how programs are produced.

The children also had the opportunity to hear themselves talk over the air. This might even bring about future broadcasters!

This was a great experience for the children!

Students Of The Month

Tyra Archer

Tyra Archer and Dawon Baldwin are the Youth Services students of the month. Tyra is six years old and a first grader. Dawon is five years old and in the kindergarten. Both students attend Newton Street School.

This is Tyra's second year with the NCC Afterschool Program. She enjoys dancing and is an honor student.

Dawon is a very energetic five year old, who is devoted to his homework and does very well academically.

Congratulations Tyra and Dawon, you are the best!

Dawon Baldwin

New Youth Services Receptionist

Ms. Olive Smart comes to us from AT&T. She is very organized and keeps it all together—a very dedicated person to her job.

Welcome aboard Ms. Smart. You bring lots of cheer to our department.

Olive Smart

Holiday Cheer

December 20, 1991 at the Youth Services Center was a day of turning events for the youth and staff. The joy and spirit of Christmas was celebrated a few days earlier with the cheer of Christmas singing by all.

The day's event was opened with Ms. Rosa Garcia (After School tutor) singing a rendition of Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All," which drew cheers from the audience.

The day was also party time for the youth as they enjoyed soft drink, cookies and other treats. The days activities ended with gifts of assorted toys given to all the youth of Youth Services Program.

The youth and staff of Youth Services wish its readers a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Darnell Reed happily chooses his Xmas gift.

Museum Program Enjoyed

The Afterschool Program children at NCC enjoy the Newark Museum every Wednesday. Not only are they having fun, but learning as well.

Each week the children get to learn about cultures from around the world. It is truly a great learning experience for the children, ages 9-11.

Thursdays 6 P.M.-10 P.M.

Song stylist, Carol Long teams up with LaTerry Butler for their classy interpretations of Jazz, Blues and Popular ballads. Carol adds enchantment to candlelight dining, and excitement to snacks or cocktails at the Priory conversation bar.

Fridays 7 P.M.-11 P.M.

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Let There Be Light

It's always a joyous moment when the somewhat nondescript tree in the front of Commons Senior is transformed into **the** Christmas Tree, with lights aglow, and the focus of attention of all who gather for the annual social services tree lighting event. In song, and with a prayerful blessing by Rev. Philip Thomas, members of social services, management and the tenants celebrated this happening on December 5th, with Board member Joe Chaneyfield turning on the lights, bringing warmth to an otherwise cold evening.

Inside, the Westside Boys and Girls Club, under the direction of Nanette and Lyndon Brown, delighted the residents and others gathered there with songs of the season and distributed gifts to all. It warmed Dorletha Cross' heart to see the youth there because "they are our future." Having them share with our seniors is a sign of great hope.

The just-formed-for-the-occasion Social Services Chorus Ensemble led the group in singing Christmas Carols, with solos by Joyce Cook, Gloria Chambers and Tina Levell. Members of the audience, Patricia Davis and three young children visiting their grandmother, came up front to sing out Christmas cheer.

Sisters Eileen and Helene, playing the guitar and banjo respectively, were accompanied by Sister Rita McManus, president of the Dominican Sisters of Elkins Park, playing the guitar. Sister Rita, who was visiting Sister Mary Ellen, is a celebrity in her own right — having recorded music and song to her credit. Sister sang "Deep Peace," wishing such a blessing on the group in appreciation of the experience she and Sister Mary Irene had touring New Community and sharing in the wonderful spirit of this event.

When it comes to spirit, however, the 140 Gospel Chorus had it all. Their singing, highlighted by the vibrancy of Winston Graves' powerful voice and strutting for the Lord, lifted hearts and hands in praise of God and the gifts with which we are blessed.

The lights were lit on the tree. The tree awakens the beauty within us all and calls for us to be bearers of light to each other. May we continue to walk in this way.

Sister Kathleen Coll

Sr. Helene (with banjo) and the rest of the NCC Social Services staff "jam" at Commons Senior following the Christmas tree lighting.

Teen Families Holiday Reception

On Thursday, December 19, 1991, the Human Services Department hosted a teen families holiday reception for the Newark Adolescent Parenting Program (NAPP). The reception was held at the Pavilion and over 30 were in attendance, including teenage parents, both mothers and fathers, with their tiny tots and children. There was lots of fun and gifts, with Pepi the Clown making a surprise visit to entertain the crowd. He used mime, tricks and clown stunts to keep the children entertained while their parents enrolled in the program.

The NAPP is funded through AT&T and The Victoria Foundation and is part of AT&T's Family Strengthening Initiative, with programs located in 10 other cities throughout the country. NAPP is geared to assisting adolescent parents complete their education by providing individualized services which remove barriers that interfere with adolescent parents completing their education. If you'd like more information on the program, please contact Raafiah Odom/Director at 643-2800.

Quintina Holden, Michael Davis and their daughter, Daquana.

Happenings At Manor Senior

The knoll out in front of 545 Orange Street has taken on a new/old look since December 9th. The stars are aglow on the trees; the Holy Family has taken up residence in the stable; the Kings are on their way. Residents, students from St. Rose of Lima School and friends gathered and sang Christmas greetings. A blessing was proclaimed by Sister Anastasia and all the faithful sang on their way to the Community Room.

Inside more music was enjoyed, thanks to the school children under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross who brought the Spirit of Christmas, gentleness and peace.

Raymond Davis and Henrietta Dukes inspired us to sing along. Ida Armour and helpers provided us with cocoa and doughnuts.

A joyous evening was had by all who attended.

Gospel Singers In January

On Saturday, January 18th starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, the Gospel Singers will present live and joyous harmony. Ora Waters, Wyline Thomas and Pensulor Wilson with others will entice us with an excellent program. Raymond Davis and Henrietta Dukes handle the piano. All are welcome.

Marie Bell hosted a December Birthday Party of cake and soda for friends and neighbors in the Community Room. Our celebrants and friends ate and sang their way into another year.

Heavenly voices inspire us all. Come hear their message on January 18th at NC Manor Senior.

Student Council And Safety Patrol Underway

Mrs. Cecilia M. Faulks, Director of Human Resources for New Community Corporation administered the Oath of Allegiance to the Office of Student Council to some twenty-five students in an impressive ceremony on Wednesday, November 20, at St. Rose of Lima School.

Jamie Allen's first act as President of the St. Rose Student Council was to appoint Eessa Parrish captain of the safety patrol — a promise she made to him if she was elected. Eessa will command a safety patrol of twelve, six of whom were selected by grades four to grade eight and six members appointed by Eessa as Captain.

In addition to the officers mentioned above, each class elected their representatives to the Council. They are: Kindergarten - Terrisine Spicer and Karrie Coston; First grade - J'von Burgess and Jennifer Padilla; Second grade - Courtney Braxton and Richard Fontanez; Third grade - Enrique Matos and Grover Hobbs; Fourth grade - Sianiah Baysah and Gregory Kornegay; Fifth grade - 1 - Khalil Walker and Leslie McClendon; Fifth grade - A - Jeremy Hodge and Riccardo Dorcean; Sixth grade - Jacqueleen Bido and Waymon Cook; Seventh grade - Denniqua Holloway and Charles Harris; and Eighth grade - Kolawole Ijaola and Qadeer Parrish.

Sgt. John Jackson of New Community Security administered the Oath of Service for Safety Patrol group of seven students. They are: Eessa Parrish, Captain, Delton Diaz, Oyemakin Olatoye, Alex Riche, Habeebah McCoy, Marie Jaward-Koroma, and George Davis.

Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal of St. Rose of Lima School congratulated members of both the Council and Patrol Force and reminded them that they must represent the student body in the best way possible. Mr. Elbert Woodson, eighth grade instructor is the Faculty Advisor for the Student Council.

Special thanks went to Mrs. Emily Ross, Vice Principal, for preparing Denniqua Holloway for the poetry recitation of "The Dreamer" and Kolawole Ijaola for the musical rendition of "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin.

Sgt. John Jackson salutes the newly appointed safety patrol of St. Rose of Lima.

Leaders Abound In New Community

On Wednesday evening, December 18, Commons Senior provided the setting for Graduation Exercises for the Network's Sixth Leadership Development Group.

Rev. Lauvenia Green of NC Roseville, a Charter Member of the Institute, opened the ceremonies with greetings and a prayer.

Cecilia Faulks, NCC Director of Personnel, and our employee with most seniority, addressed graduates, former graduates and guests on the importance and rewards of leadership.

Twenty-seven people from New Community, Babyland, St. Rose of Lima and St. Rocco School beamed proudly as their names were called and they accepted their diplomas from NCC Board Member Elma Bateman. Most graduates took this opportunity to speak reflectively and beautifully about their experience with the program.

This session of the Leadership Development Institute was different from the five which preceded it, in that, for the first time, its mainstay, Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, OP, with her superb presentations of communications skills, was unable to be present. Instead of being asked to prepare and deliver a talk, this time each graduate wrote an essay about his or her experience in the Leadership Development Institute and any personal changes resulting from it. Trying to pick the three best from that wonderful array was an unenviable task; each one had great merit. The process reminded me of so many of the students' responses on those by-now notorious evaluation forms distributed at every session: "What did you like best?" "Everything." Which essay was best? Every one.

After spreading my misery to Sr. Catherine Moran and Sr. Dolores Russo, thus securing second and third tentative opinion, the decision was made. Dennis Thomas of St. Rocco School was awarded the Bronze Medal; Michelette Walker of NC Manor Families, the Silver; and Angela Balogun of Babyland I, the Gold. Everyone else in the group deserves honorable mention!

Mary Black of NC Extended Care Medical Day Care, Sr. Kathleen Coll of NC Social Services, and Carol Crawford of Manor Families achieved the distinction of perfect attendance.

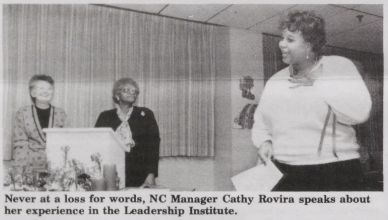
Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to Network members who spoke at various sessions and two others: Mattie Morris of Babyland III who consistently went far beyond the call of duty in her role of child caregiver at the session, and Joyce Cook, of NC Social Services, who very graciously coordinated student transportation every week.

Returning graduates and other invited guests offered their congratulations and provided support to the graduates.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments catered by Joanne Nassiruddin and Co. of Babyland III and served graciously by Marion Simpson and Richard Barfield, faithful hostess and host of our celebrations at 140.

It was a lovely evening; a real experience of community and networking, in the true spirit of Christmas.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett



Never at a loss for words, NC Manager Cathy Rovira speaks about her experience in the Leadership Institute.

NCC Leadership Institute Fall '91 Graduates

Denise Baker	— NC Extended Care Facility - Activities
Angela Balogun	— Babyland I
Pamela Battle	— NCC Finance
Mary Black	— NC Extended Care Facility - Medical Day Care
Ruth Boker	— Babyland IV
Sr. Kay Coll, SSJ	— NC Social Services
Carolyn Collier	— NC Harmony House - Relocation
Joyce Cook	— NC Social Services
Carol Crawford	— NC Manor Families
Jewel Pitts Earl	— NC Management
Denise Gilliam	— NC Manor Families
Sr. Mary Ann Henagan, MSBT	— NC Extended Care Facility In-Service Education for Nursing
Eva Holiday	— NC Extended Care Facility - Activities
Beatrice Johnson	— NC Manor Families
Rosalyn Johnson	— NC Extended Care Facility - Medical Day Care
Penny Mateen	— NC Extended Care Facility - Social Services
Sr. Guadalupe Nieto, MSBT	— NCC Hispanic Development Office
Melissa Nwaka	— BBL Essex County Family Violence Shelter - Social Services
Lillian Pizarro	— NC Social Services
Cathy Rovira	— NC Management
Emma Solomon	— NCC Systems
Dennis Thomas	— St. Rocco School
Joy Thomas	— St. Rose of Lima School
Lisa Thomas	— St. Rocco School
Michelette Walker	— NC Manor Families
Brenda West	— NC Management
Sr. Eileen Wust, SSJ	— NC Social Services

Medal winners, Dennis Thomas, Michelette Walker and Andrea Balogun proudly pose with Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett.

Christmas All Year

Each new year speaks to us of our own new birth in Christ — of Christmas, the day the entire world was given a new birth, a second chance from God to return to Him with all our hearts. The message that came upon the midnight clear was that of peace, to all persons of good will. Christ's coming into the world was the Father's way of saying, "I forgive you."

Christmas was for-giving...the message each of us, who choose to model our lives on His, must speak out daily, in our handshakes, our hugs, our words, our plans.

What did it take for Christ to accomplish the Father's forgiveness? an emptying of Self as the first step. St. Paul writing to the early Christians expressed it this way:

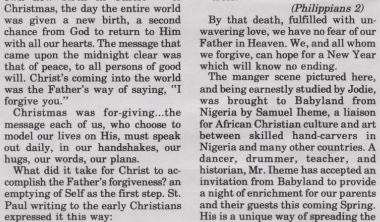
His state was divine,
Yet He did not cling to His equality with God
But emptied Himself
And became as men are...
Even to accepting death on a cross.

(Philippians 2)

By that death, fulfilled with unwavering love, we have no fear of our Father in Heaven. We, and all whom we forgive, can hope for a New Year which will know no ending.

The manger scene pictured here, and being earnestly studied by Jodie, was brought to Babyland from Nigeria by Samuel Iheme, a liaison for African Christian culture and art between skilled hand-carvers in Nigeria and many other countries. A dancer, drummer, teacher, and historian, Mr. Iheme has accepted an invitation from Babyland to provide a night of enrichment for our parents and their guests this coming Spring. His is a unique way of spreading the Good News. Hopefully, we will each find our own special way in 1992.

A joyous New Year,
Sr. Mary Sheridan
Babyland Nursery, Inc.



Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."
Enchiridon Leonis.

Prayer, springing from simplicity of heart and motive, expressing itself in simplicity of speech and petition, is worship, the highest activity of which the human spirit is capable — communion with God. It is the soul's desire uttered or unexpressed.

There was a time when a parent would kneel by the side of her child at bedtime and recite a prayer which the child would learn to say with the parent until he got to know how to pray by himself, at which time the parent would at bedtime say: "don't forget to say your prayers." The latter part of the prayer would be a list of people the child would ask God to bless.

A prayer called "grace" was said in unison by family members before eating food at each meal, and on later occasions by the child when designated by the parent. It was common, a part of the family culture, to thank God for the food about to be eaten.

"The root of the family is in the person of its head," said Mencires. "If the root is holy, so are its branches." (Romans 11:16).

Parents in teaching their children to pray, should teach them to pray not for material acquisition but for spiritual inspiration, motivation, and guidance. Children must ever be taught the difference between what is right and what is wrong based on the true traditional values of the Holy Bible, so that when they pray, they pray for the intrinsic strength and wisdom to choose and practice that which is right — not for a physically lighter load of life's problems but for a spiritually stronger back to cope with and bear them. There is no telling the effectiveness of a child's prayer.

There is a story about a young girl who knelt and prayed: 'now I lay me down to sleep...' and when she got to 'God bless...' she said, 'God please bless Daddy; he is a good man really God, but when he drinks, he hurts Mommy and me. Please help him God — we love him.' Unbeknowing to the child, the father nearby had quietly listened. Tears filled his eyes, repentence his soul. To his knees, beside his child, he sank and prayed — and came to Christ!

A little child had led him through prayer.

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
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